(b) Bacterial-wilt-resistant chilli variety, Anugraha has been developed by Kerala Agricultural University, Vellanikkara, Thrissur. This variety bears long, light green and medium pungent fruits. The average yield of green chilli fruits is 27 tonnes per hectare.

(c) This variety has already been released by the Kerala State Variety Release Committee in 2002 for commercial cultivation in the State.

Drought assistance to Bihar

†4353. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the damage caused to various crops in Bihar due to the fury of cold wave/drought;

(b) whether Government have formulated any package for affected farmers and fruit growers of Bihar; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the relief funds are likely to be provided to affected farmers of Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) to (c) Cold wave is not one of the natural calamities identified by the Eleventh Finance Commission (EFC) for relief assistance from Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF). The Government of Bihar has not reported drought situation during 2002-03 and no report on damage to crops due to drought has been received from the State Government.

Crop Adjustment Programme

4354. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) how the Centre has reacted to "Crop Adjustment Programme" mooted by the agriculture scientists of Punjab under the guidance of eminent agriculture scientist, Dr. S. S. Johl;

(b) how the Centre propose to encourage it in the context of Second Green Revolution for the country; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.